AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO ULSTER COUNTY LIENS ON PROPERTY FILED AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATION BY FARMERS IN THE ULSTER COUNTY FARMWORKER HOUSING PROGRAM

The Economic Development/Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee (Chairman Harris and Legislators Cummings, Felicello, Roberti, Bartels, Zimet and Loughran) offers the following:

WHEREAS, Ulster County created a Farm Worker Housing Program utilizing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) monies from the Governor's Office of Small Cities (GOSC), and

WHEREAS, the grant required Ulster County to file liens upon properties of farmers who participated in the program to insure conditions of the grant would be met over time, and

WHEREAS, several grant participants have requested specific amendments to their liens that do not impact the purposes or requirements of the grant, and

WHEREAS, Ulster County is highly desirous in working with the agricultural community in a manner that insures maximum flexibility while meeting the County's responsibilities under the grant, and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development/Education, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized to make any necessary amendments to liens filed in relation to the Farm Worker Housing Program providing that they are consistent with the requirements and purposes of the grant received to fund the project, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman shall consult with the Ulster County Planning Board, Treasurer and County Attorney as to each request for amendments,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 30 NOES: 0

(Absent: Legislators Aiello, Hyatt, and Stoeckeler)

FINANCIAL IMPACT: NONE